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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: THE TIMING OF SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST

1. DURING A COURTESY CALL JULY 6 BY SENATOR DOLE, PRIME MINISTER BEGIN DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH ME HIS PLANS FOR VISITING WASHINGTON, SADAT'S REACTION TO HIS PROPOSAL TO GO TO GENEVA IN OCTOBER, AND THE TIMING OF SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST. AS DAYAN HAD DONE LAST WEEK, BEGIN INDICATED HIS PREFERENCE FOR SOME DELAY IN THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ISRAEL.

2. HE ASKED ME IF IT WAS CORRECT THAT THE SECRETARY PLANNED TO VISIT ISRAEL IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS (BEGIN) VISIT TO WASHINGTON. I SAID THAT MY CURRENT IMPRESSION IS THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD START HIS VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST SOMEWHERE ABOUT JULY 27. BEGIN SAID HE FELT THIS WAS TOO SOON. I POINTED OUT THAT I HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH DAYAN AND HAD EXPLAINED THAT THE SECRETARY' VISIT TO CHINA IN AUGUST, ALONG WITH THE BEGINNING OF RAMADAN, MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT  
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TO BEGIN THE MIDDLE EAST TRIP MUCH LATER. BEGIN INDICATED HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS IN WASHINGTON BUT SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PROVIDE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO CONCRETE ISSUES PREPARATORY FOR A GENEVA CONFERENCE. THEREFORE, HE WOULD NEED A BIT MORE TIME TO CONSULT CAREFULLY WITH HIS COLLEAGUES AFTER HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON.

3. WITH REGARD TO SADAT STATEMENT, BEGIN SAID HE WAS  
VERY ENCOURAGED BY IT, AND AGAIN STRESSED HIS  
READINESS TO BEGIN A CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
AFTER OCTOBER 10 (END OF JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAYS).  
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